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Treasurer Angelides Launches New School Financing Plan with \$16.9 Million in “Bridge Financing” for Repairs and Modernization

Sacramento, CA – State Treasurer Philip Angelides has announced the approval of \$16,900,000 in “bridge financing” enabling participating school districts to accelerate needed repairs and modernization projects by as much as one year.

The California School Finance Authority (CSFA), chaired by Angelides, approved the participation of six school districts in a new funding program called *Smart Bonds*. The new program expedites school modernization and repair projects that have already been approved by the State Allocation Board (SAB) for Proposition 1A funding.

Thirteen schools in the six districts will receive funding for repair and up-grade projects such as re-wiring classrooms to support current technology, repairing heating and air conditioning systems, replacing roofs, and installing new fire alarms.

“Improving schools—making them safer and better equipped technologically—is a top priority for Californians,” said Angelides. “This financing program will allow districts, many of which are desperate to bring their school facilities into the 21st Century, to move forward without further delays.”

Proposition 1A authorizes school repair funding in two phases. Due to the enormous need throughout the State, the first phase of funding (\$800 million) already has been allocated. The second phase of funds (\$1.3 billion) cannot be dispersed until July 2000, causing some districts to miss the 2000 summer building season and forcing them to wait until the following year to begin their repair projects. *Smart Bonds* provides bridge financing to districts in line to receive second phase funding.

During the first week of December, CSFA will sell approximately \$16.9 million of notes, maturing October 1, 2000 to provide immediate project funding to participating districts.

The following is a list of the six participating school districts in the Smart Bonds program:

<u>School Districts</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Approximate Amount</u>	<u>Number of Schools</u>
Folsom Cordova Unified School District	Sacramento	\$ 1,970,000	2
Lemon Grove School District	San Diego	\$ 3,885,000	4
Napa Valley Unified School District	Napa	\$ 3,560,000	4
National School District	San Diego	\$ 1,255,000	1
Novato Unified School District	Marin	\$ 950,000	1
Salinas Union High School District	Monterey	\$ 5,300,000	1

***Preliminary; subject to change based on final costs and market conditions.**